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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 97-078-P)

In re the Application of:	)	
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Gocke et al.	)	Examiner: **S. Chunduru**
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Application No.: **10/680,060**	)	Group Art Unit: **1637**
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Filing Date: **October 7, 2003**	)	Confirmation No: **8294**
	)	
For: **Detection of Extracellular Tumor Associated Nucleic Acid in Blood Plasma Or Serum**	)	

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
MAILED NOVEMBER 14, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed November 14, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims in light of the following remarks.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, a list of pending claims is set forth on page 2 of this response. Remarks begin on page 7 of this response.